



# **1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division Reception / RIT Execution Brief**

**Division Town Hall  
15 OCT 09**



# Concept of Operations

This operation will be conducted in four phases

## Preparation for Redeployment

- PAO Communications Plan
- Information Coordination from Theater
- \*\*\*\*Fort Hood Facilities Preparation
- Cooper Field Set-Up
- RGAAF Set-Up

## Reception and Welcome Home Ceremony

- \*\*\*Reception at RGAAF/Initial Processing
- Movement to Cooper Field
- Welcome Home Ceremony

## Mandatory Reintegration Training

- Unit level Training and 4 day pass
- \*\*\*\*Reverse SRP and Reintegration Training

## Block Leave, BCT Rear Detachment RIP and Stand-Down

- Block Leave
- \*\*\*\*Relief in Place and Rear Detachment Stand-Down



# Re-Deployment Preparations

- **Facilities**
- **Barracks**
  - Starting 15 Oct inspections
- **Linen**
  - Sheets
  - Pillow Cases
  - Pillow
  - Mattress Cover
- **Flight Information**
  - 10 Days out Lock-In – Flights, not names
- **PAO**
  - Flight Information
- **FRG Assistance**



# Prior to Kuwait Departure

## In Theater:

- Movement from Iraq to Kuwait Redeployment Sites
- Travel Vouchers completed by soldiers
- Soldiers informed of flight information – Main Body, Departure Time, Arrival Time
- Customs Inspections – prohibited Items
- DCS Checklist Distributed to Soldiers
- 1CD LNOs issue Soldier Welcome Memorandum prior to boarding the aircraft

## Fort Hood:

- C2 Node begins 24 Hour Operations (T-72)[G3]
- DJ Coordinated [G3]
- Buses Coordinated [DTO]
- Initial Ceremony Timeline established [G3]
- Initial notifications of VIPs and GO Greeter [SGS/CMDT]
- Access Roster for Airfield submitted [FL-NCOIC]



# Upon Kuwait Departure

## Fort Hood:

- C2 Node initiates notifications IAW alert roster
- Website and Twitter Updates begin.
- Family notification begins; **All** notifications will be conducted from the 1 CAV G3 DOC.
- DTO/C2 Node track flight progress and update the Chain of Command on changes or delays.
- Video Feed established from RGAAF
- Weather CALL – Ceremonies will go on Cooper Field unless there is extended bad weather.



# Notification Process

- 10 Days out Flight are locked in for DEP/ARR
- -3 Days pre-manifest
- -18 hours final manifest sent to Ft. Hood
- BCT notified
- Caller element arrives at 1 CAV HQ, begin notifications
- Only Soldiers execute calling off of an approved script
- Flight times posted to web and twitter
- Manifest posted at Cooper Field
- Arrive early – 30 Minutes

**\*\*\*\*NO FAMILIES AT AIRFIELD\*\*\*\***



# Flight Time Changes

- 80% of flights are on time
- Maintenance Delays
  - >2 hours with known arrival time, reinitiate phone notification with new ceremony time
  - Unknown arrival time, reinitiate phone notification with delay and 2<sup>nd</sup> call with new arrival time when available
- Early Arrivals
  - Shannon Departures – reinitiate phone notification with new time, but no more than 2 hours sooner.
  - State side Last Departure – 4 hours flight time:
    - No Change to time, no phone updates



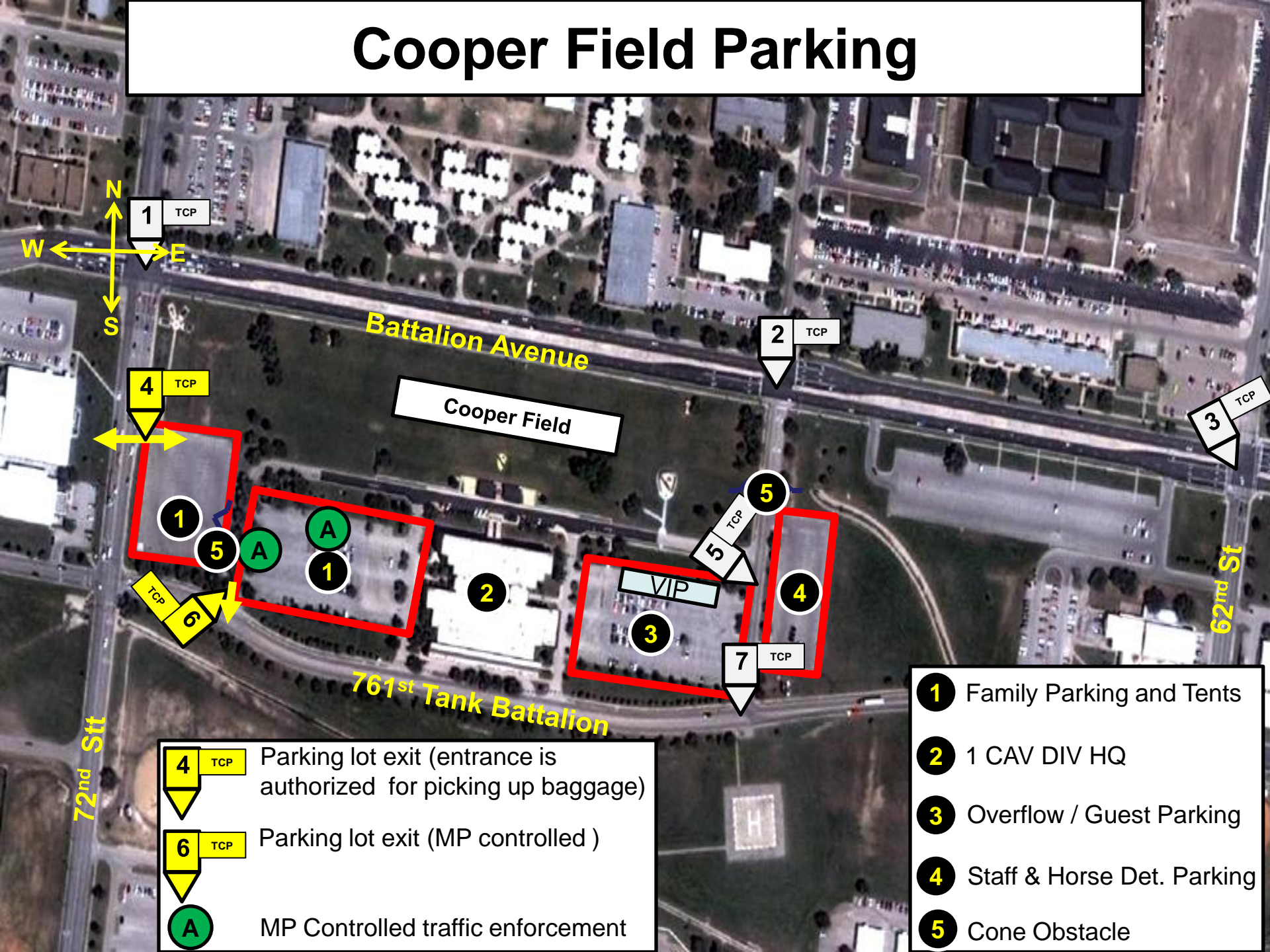
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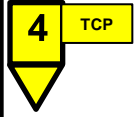
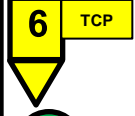

Posters/Banners/ETC






- 1) Clark Road Fence Line
- 2) Clark Road Gate Entrance
- 3) Smith Middle School Bridge
- 4) Cooper Field



# Cooper Field Parking



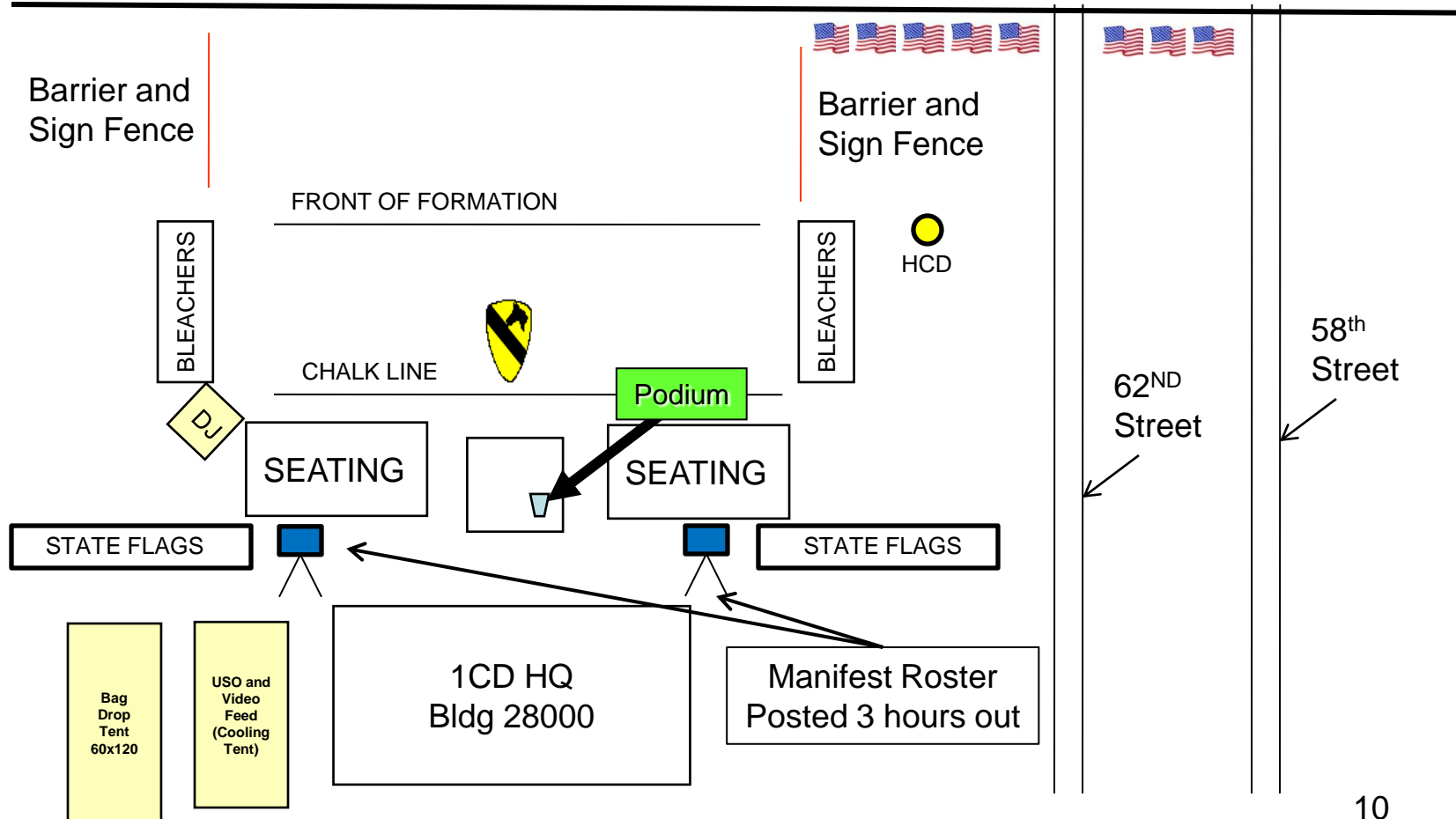
-  Parking lot exit (entrance is authorized for picking up baggage)
-  Parking lot exit (MP controlled )
-  MP Controlled traffic enforcement

-  Family Parking and Tents
-  1 CAV DIV HQ
-  Overflow / Guest Parking
-  Staff & Horse Det. Parking
-  Cone Obstacle

# Ceremony Set Up



*Battalion Avenue*





# Welcome Home Ceremony

**TIME = CEREMONY TIME**



## Keys to Successful Ceremony

- Ensure the Rear Detachment has your current phone number and email.
- Sign up for Twitter notification.
- Visit the Division website routinely after notification.
- Write down the Main Body Flight # given to you during notification. Names will not be posted on web.



## Keys to Successful Ceremony

- Arrive 30 minutes early
- Bring warm clothes, rain gear
- Flight arrival and deplaning will be shown live at Cooper Field, normally 1:15 minutes prior to ceremony time
- Inform extended family of ceremony web broadcast
  - Time available after ceremony to say hi via the web on the field
- **NO SPECIAL REQUESTS**
- **Do you want to be a “lawn dart”?**



# Keys to Successful Ceremony

- **GOLDSTAR Families**
- **Wounded, Evacuated Soldiers can participate in the ceremony – We highly encourage it.**
- **Ceremony Times – Most will occur between 0600-2000. Runway at RGAAF is closed 2330-0500 every day.**



# Reintegration



- **Required**
  - Reintegration Classroom Training
  - SRC (Medical & Administrative)
  - Unit Time and Requirements
- **½ Day Schedule 0900-1200**
  - Exception is SRC Day (3 hour block from 0730-1800)
- **6 Days off during first 15 Days**
  - 4 Day Weekend
  - 2 Day Weekend
- **NOT EVERY FLIGHT HAS THE SAME SCHEDULE** 15



# Example Soldier RIT Schedule

FLIGHT XXXXXXXX MBXX  
ARRIVED: XXXX

UNIT AREA  
BUILDING: \_\_\_\_\_

04 JUNE 09: BDE / BN TIME

05 JUNE 09 – 08 JUNE 09: 4 DAY PASS

09 JUNE 09: RSRP WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE SPORTS DOME AT THE  
DESIGNATED TIME MARKED BELOW

1030

PPD SHOT 09 JUNE 09 AT 1030

10 JUNE 09: BDE / BN TIME

11 JUNE 09: UNIT TIME/ **PPD READ**

12 JUNE 09: RIT BRIEFINGS 0930 HOWZE THEATRE (UPON COMPLETION SOLDIER  
WILL REPORT BACK UNIT)

**DIVISION RIT IS COMPLETE ONCE RIT BRIEFINGS AND RSRP ARE COMPLETE**





# Calendar Events

- 23 OCT October Fest – Hood Stadium
- 27 OCT Volunteer of the Month/Purple Heart Awardees Ceremony – 1000 Phantom Warrior
- 30 OCT – 1CD Fall Fest, Cooper Field, 1700-2100
- 11 NOV – Training Holiday
- 12 MAR Division Memorial Rededication
- 15-19 MAR School Spring Break, Max Leave Opportunity



# Questions / Issues